SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, his State, Kerala is totally connected with the communication network up to the Panchayat level.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Plan for Development of Ajanta and Ellora with Japanese Assistance

*3. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a Rs. 200 crore plan for the development of Ajanta and Ellora with Japanese assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government of India has signed a Loan Agreement with the overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan on 9th January, 1992 for financial assistance from OECF for comprehensive development for the Ajanta and Ellora Region. The total project cost is 4,406 million Yen (Rs. 81.71 crore approximately).

Privatisation of ITDC

*4. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited leading international hotel chains to join with ITDC to run and develop its major hotel properties in India;

(b) if so, what are the names of such international hotel chains to whom offers have been made;

(c) what are the terms and conditions on which they have been invited;

(d) what shall be the role of ITDC in floating such a joint venture;

(e) whether the domestic hotel industry have protested against this move; and

(f) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names are indicated in the statement attached [*See* below]. In addition, the Indian Missions in USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Canada and Japan were also requested to advise the well known international foreign chains in their region about this scheme.

(c) and (d) The broad outline of the scheme indicated to them was that the India Tourism Development Corporation wishes to group its various properties in small groups and develop them through a joint venture company to be formed with them, a portion of the capital being also offered to employees/public/financial institutions.

(e) The Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India have represented that the Indian hotel chains may also be permitted to participate in this scheme.

(f) As a much wider range of objectives was being served by the scheme as formulated, it was not found feasible to agree to other suggestions.

Statement

Names of international Hotel Chains Invited by ITDC to offer their participation in Forming Joint Venture Company

Sl. No.	Name of Hotel
1.	Four Seasons Pte Ltd. Singapore
2.	Meridien Hotels, Paris, France
3.	Trusthouse Forte Plc. England
4	Movenpick Hotels, Zurerich, Switzerland
5.	Concords (Group Des Hotels) Paris
6.	Steigenberger Hotels, Frankfurt, West Germany

Sl. No.	Name of Hotel
7.	Southern Parific Hotels, Sydney, Australia
8.	IIT Sheraton, Massachusetts, USA
9.	Hyatt Hotels / Hyatt International, Chicago, USA
10.	Marriott Hotels & Resorts, Washington, USA (Acki Corpn)
11.	Holiday Inna Inx (Bass), Atlanta, USA
12.	Westin Hotels & Resorts, Wasington, USA (Acki Corpn)
13.	Canadian Pacific Hotels, Torento, Canada
14.	Hilton International, England
15.	Inter-Continetnal Hotels Ltd. Hong Kong
16.	Golden Tulip World Wide Hotels, Hilveraum, The Netherlands
17.	Kempinski Hotels, S.A. Germany
18.	Nikko Hotels International, Tokyo Japan
19.	Okura Hotel Chain, Toranomon, Japan
20.	Pullman International, Paris, France
21.	Ramada Franchise Systems, New Jersey, USA
22.	Savoy Group of Hotels, London, UK
23.	Conrad Hotels, California, USA
24.	The Ritz Carlton Hotel Co, Atlanta, Georgia
25.	Accor Groups, France
26.	Peninsula Group, Hong Kong
27.	Shangri La International, Hong Kong
28.	Mandarin Singapore Int'l Singapore
29.	Regent Int Hotels, Kowloon, Hong Kong
30.	Penta International, Germany
31.	New Otani Hotels, Tokyo, Japan
32.	Edvardian Hotel Co. London
33.	Days Inns of America Inc Atlanta, USA
34.	Chice Hotels Int., Meryland, USA
35.	Premier Hotels, Ealing London
36.	Ritz Hotel Parks, France
37.	Le Royal (Hotel) Luxemburg
38.	Hassler (Hotel) Rome, Italy
39.	Fairmont Hotel & Tower California, USA
40.	Stanford Court Hotel, California, USA
41.	Beverly Hillcrest Hotel, California, USA
42.	Hotel Carlyle, New York, USA
43.	Scott Holdings (Pte) Ltd. Singapore
44.	Mainfold Returns Inc. California, USA
45.	The Regent Int Hotels, Hong Kong
46.	Hilton International Co. New York, USA
47.	Hilton Hotel Corpn, California, USA
48.	Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong

Upgradation of the Calicut Airport

*5. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Calicut airport is being declared as an international airport ;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard; and

(c) whether any new international flight service is likely to be operated from this airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Airlines has introduced thrice weekly service on the Calicut-Sharjah-Calicut route with effect from 15.02.1992.

Effect of new fiscal measures

*6. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the extent to which the country's foreign exchange position and credit-worthiness in the international market has improved as a result of the fiscal measures taken by Government?